

George Franklin Barnes

1850-1950 Centennial Biography

George Franklin Barnes was born in Lehi September 7, 1870, a son of Charles Barnes and Rhoda Wonfor Barnes. He moved with his parents to the Third Ward when a small boy. His mother passed away shortly after. From this time until 1894 he lived with his father, helping him on the farm. He served as president of the Deacon's Quorum to which he belonged, and he was secretary of the Elders' Quorum.

January 4, 1894, he married Violet Aden College in the Salt Lake Temple; unto this union fifteen children were born, nine having died in infancy. Those living are: Rhoda Clark, Franklin Barnes, Mabel Henrichsen, Erma Tomlinson, Eldon Barnes, and Harold W. Barnes.

He was engaged in farming and stock raising throughout his life. While a young man he was employed by the Utah-Idaho Sugar Company, plowing some of the first beets and hauling the first pulp from the bins.

He was always active in Church. He served as President of the Young Men's Mutual. He was a very devoted Stake missionary in the Alpine Stake and served for two years in the same capacity in the Lehi Stake. He served many years as Secretary of the High Priest Quorum of the Third Ward.

He served as a Watermaster for over fifty years; helped build the three Stake tabernacles and two chapels; and has done considerable Temple work.

At the age of seventy-nine he is still active, never missing a funeral in this vicinity. He devotes at least one day a week visiting the sick about the community.